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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 14 May 1956

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Wisner, Col. White, Messrs. Sheldon, Helms, Roosevelt, Bissell, Gen. Truscott, Mr. [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to an article in the New York Times, 14 May, by C. L. Sulzberger respecting US propaganda broadcasts and asked [redacted] to find out if possible the name of the [redacted] who allowed himself to be quoted.

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b. Referred to a report that the Soviets intend to send an agricultural mission to Burma, noting that this is one field in which the Russians have failed and asked if we couldn't make some use of this fact through our propaganda outlets. Mr. Wisner suggested we might put out the word that it would be wise for the Soviets to send the agricultural experts who had visited the US since they are the only ones who know anything about farming.

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c. Directed that we be a little more subtle and not use the word "bribe" in cables and other correspondence. ACTION: DD/P.

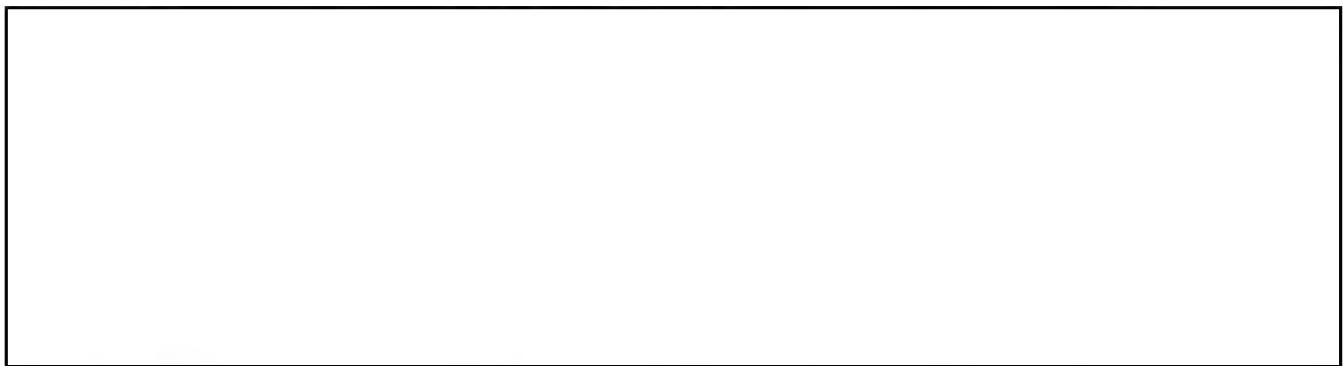
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d. Referred to [redacted] respecting unrest in Poland and asked [redacted] to furnish a brief memo on the source of this information.

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g. Referred to a State cable from Geneva indicating that the talks with the Chicos there would probably stop in about two months and noted he had asked Sherman Kent to prepare an appreciation of the disposition of Chicom military forces to include new construction of airfields, etc. which he (DCI) intends to furnish the Secretary of State.

h. Stated we should begin to draw together items from Pact material for the President in preparation for his forthcoming talks with Nehru. Mr. Sheldon said this is under way and undertook to furnish the Director a draft of these items in the near future with the final paper being ready by 15 June.

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i. Noted he had been considering briefing the Security Council on items taken from Pact sources provided this could be done without revealing the source. Mr. Sheldon pointed out this would be rather difficult since we might expect some Council members who are not familiar with the [redacted] to ask for additional information on items the Director presents. DCI agreed with this and indicated he still might wish to give such a briefing. In connection with the above-mentioned material Mr. Sheldon raised the question as to whether [redacted] should be briefed on the instructions of [redacted] to its UN delegation. The Director said he might take this up on a high level in State.

j. Noted we should be doing all we can with respect to the Russians assuming responsibility for the Katyn Forest massacres.  
ACTION: DD/P.

k. Noted that at the OCB meeting on 9 May he had briefed the members on Buddhism and as a result it had been tentatively agreed to appoint a committee on this subject with representatives from State, CIA and USIA. ACTION: Mr. Roosevelt.

l. Referred to a newspaper report that cement is piling up on the docks of Burma and asked DD/P to find out whether this report can be confirmed or denied.

m. Asked General Truscott to prepare a memorandum for record of the meeting held with General Erskine on 11 May 1956 with

reference to Erskine's proposal on the drafting of a counter-intelligence policy. The Director said he had about decided to put this matter before the IAC.

n. Reported briefly on his meeting with the President's Consultants on 12 May and noted on the whole they were very complimentary. The Director said they had particularly devoted a good deal of attention to NSCID 4 and suggested that CIA table intelligence objectives before the NSC in order to get approval and in fact had recommended that this directive be amended to provide for such action on a continuing basis. The Director commented that he saw no objection to this provided that NSC wants it and asked Mr. Sheldon to place this matter on the agenda of the next IAC meeting. Depending upon the decision of the IAC the Director intends to send a letter to Dillon Anderson.

The Director also reported that the Consultants appear to be satisfied with our planning and security but had expressed some concern about [redacted]. He said he had indicated we could review our programs in this field and possibly save some money and personnel. Mr. Dulles asked that DD/P furnish two memoranda prior to our next meeting with the Consultants -- one explaining our activities in this field which should be general in nature and the other dealing with the [redacted] in particular. 25X1

Mr. Sheldon noted he thought he had been able to clear up with the Committee some of its concern over the number of clearances issued for Special Intelligence and in response to a query from the Director stated CIA at the present time has [redacted] cleared for SI. The Director said he thought this was far too many and asked Acting DD/I to review our clearances in order to reduce the number. Mr. Sheldon commented that this matter is under continuing study. 25X1

o. Asked Col. White to have Mr. Paul prepare a memorandum to be sent to the field covering our exchange of correspondence with Senator Symington and the Director's testimony before the Symington Subcommittee. The Director asked that the press release on this matter by the Senator also be included.

Mr. Wisner:

Referred to a list of proposed items for use (black) in connection with our de-Stalinization program and in response to a query from the Director stated that he concurred in all of these items with the exception of the one referring to Stalin as the person who broke the backs of the Kulaks. The Director agreed.

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Briefly reported on a meeting with the Stassen Disarmament Group on 11 May and noted that a discussion had been held about what to do should the Russians make a unilateral announcement of a reduction of Armed Forces. The Director said it might be well if ONE would produce a paper on worldwide reaction to such an announcement. ACTION: Acting DD/I.



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